Institute at Orissa

†450. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is National Institute of Science (N.I.S.) or Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (I.I.S.E.R.) or something else what the hon'ble Prime Minister declared about of late in the month of August, during his visit to Orissa;

(b) whether the hon'ble Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of any building in this regard; and

(c) what is the amount to be incurred on this project and by when this institute will be built?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Hon'ble Prime Minister visited Institute of Physics at Bhubaneswar on 28th August, 2006 and declared setting up of a National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) at Bhubaneswar.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The approximate expenditure for setting up of the Project, to be spread over a period of seven years, will be to the tune of Rs. 560.00 crores. All efforts are being made to start the first academics session from July, 2007.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in M.P.

†451. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the sanctioned number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the number of these schools would be increased;

(c) if so, how many schools would be increased;

(d) if not, whether it is proper to leave those development blocks which are backward in respect of education only on the ground that the gender

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.